

English 10: The Price of Progress: Fiction in Short Story Form  
50 points possible

**“There is nothing permanent except change.” -Heraclitus**

Think about the effects of technological progress. Are we moving toward a better life? Are you worried about what might be lost as technology changes the world? Will both reward and loss occur as technology advances? Is there a price to be paid for progress?

Read the following short stories found in the LoL text:

“Harrison Bergeron” by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. – p. 20

“Searching for Summer” by Joan Aiken – p. 30

“By the Waters of Babylon” by Stephen Vincent Benet – p. 42

Express your viewpoint about the price of progress and include the ideas of Vonnegut, Aiken, and Benet as presented in their stories. Include pertinent information from other resources as needed to support your opinion.

Reference your sources. Your response should be at least 300 words typed and double-spaced. Submit your piece electronically by December 20, 2013. (Email to [knuthsa@nmps.k12.mi.us](mailto:knuthsa@nmps.k12.mi.us) or share via flashdrive.)

- First person usage is acceptable but should be used infrequently.
- Provide examples from your own life for additional support.
- Minimum writing expectations must be met.